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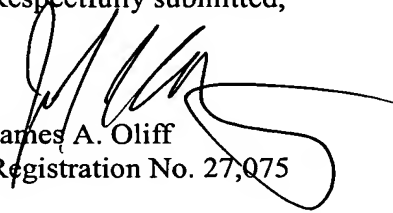
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references 2 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference 2 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2.

- ☒ 6. English-language reference 1 corresponds to non-English language reference 2.

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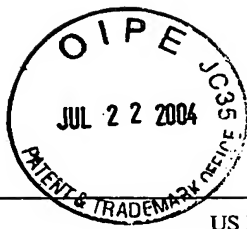
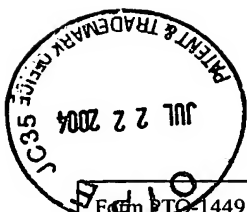
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